



Memorial Features

On September 10, 2011 the permanent Flight 93 National Memorial was dedicated and opened to the public. Currently a visit to the memorial will be an opportunity to experience the following features.

New Entrance

The new permanent entrance is located on US Route 30, the historic Lincoln Highway. It is a 3 1/2 mile drive from the entrance to the Memorial Plaza at the crash site.

Approach Road and Ring Road

The 3 1/2 mile scenic drive from the entrance winds through a landscape shaped by surface coal mining and the subsequent reclamation effort. It is currently changing again as part of the memorial landscape. The Approach Road affords views of the stunning Laurel Highlands.

The Memorial Plaza at the crash site.

The Memorial Plaza is the culminating feature of the memorial. It marks the edge of the crash site, which is the final resting place of the passengers and crew of Flight 93. The Memorial Plaza is made of various different elements.

Visitor Shelter and Arrival Court

This area serves as a gateway to the story of Flight 93 and to the Memorial Plaza. Interpretive panels in the arrival court provide ways to explore the Flight 93 story. Within the Visitor Shelter is the Leave Your Message wall. Park Rangers and volunteers are present to answer questions and deliver programs.

Memorial Plaza Wall and Walkway

The long sloping black wall marks the northern edge of the larger crash site and debris field. The field and woods beyond is the final resting place of the passengers and crew. Benches offer places of rest and contemplation. Visitors can leave tributes in small niches in the wall.

Hemlock Grove and Impact Site

At the edge of the field is what remains of a hemlock grove damaged by the crash of Flight 93. A gap is visible where the damaged trees were removed. At the base of the grove is a boulder which marks the general location of the impact site. The FBI excavated the site and the crater was later filled in at the direction of the coroner.

Wall of Names and Flight Path

The Wall of Names, forty inscribed white marble panels, honors the passengers and crew. Visitors are encouraged to explore the subtle details of the Wall of Names. The black granite walkway marks a portion of the flight path. At the wooden Ceremonial Gate, visitors can look down the flight path to the impact site.